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SUBJECT: TEXT GOI LETTER TO M'BOW ON OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF GOI LETTER TO DG M'BOW
RE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. QUOTE: SIR, I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 6 AUGUST
1976 IN WHICH YOU PROPOSE SENDING A MISSION TO GATHER
INFORMATION ON THE STATE OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN
THE TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY ISRAEL.

I AM PLEASED TO CONVEY TO YOU MY GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSED MISSION AND ITS READINESS
TO EXTEND ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES TO YOUR REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO ENABLE THEM TO PERFORM THEIR TASKS.

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I HAVE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED MISSION CONSISTS OF

DISTINGUISHED FORMER OFFICIALS OF UNESCO AND OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT THEY WILL ACT AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. I HAVE ALSO NOTED THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE PROPOSED IN YOUR LETTER RELATE, IN ESSENCE, TO FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

I AM AFRAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE TIME YOU PROPOSED IS NOT POSSIBLE, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE SCHOOL YEAR IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES HAS JUST COMMENCED AND THERE IS THE INEVITABLE ADJUSTMENT TO THE NEW SCHEDULE AND ARRANGEMENTS. IN ADDITION, THIS IS THE MONTH OF RAMADEN WHICH AFFECTS THE NORMAL AND REGULAR FUNCTIONING OF THE SCHOOLS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. THE JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAYS COMMENCE IN THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUE, WITH SHORT BREAKS,

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UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER, AFTER THAT DATE, SOME OF OUR KEY OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE WILL BE ENGAGED IN PREPARATIONS FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO. MOREOVER, A NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

CONCERNED WILL BE AWAY AT THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH COMMENCES ON THE 21ST OF SEPTEMBER. AND FINALLY, THE AUTHORITIES IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES HAVE ADVISED ME THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE UNESCO MISSION AT THE TIME PROPOSED BY YOU.

I WOULD THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT, TAKING THE ABOVE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT, A FEASIBLE PERIOD FOR THE VISIT OF THE MISSION MIGHT BE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS ACCOMODATING AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, BEFORE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHO COULD OF COURSE BE A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE ORGANIZATION, TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE MISSION. A SUITABLE TIME FOR SUCH A PREPARATORY VISIT WOULD BE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE 25TH SEPTEMBER OR AFTER 5TH OCTOBER.

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I TRUST THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

SIGNED YIGAL ALLON END QUOTE.

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